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MONTHLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER REPORT

This report is based on information received by the War Food Administration from a representative number of meat-packing establishments. It indicates the average live weight per animal, average yields of dressed carcasses, the average cost per 100 pounds of live weight for cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep and lambs slaughtered during June 1943. Comparable data are included for previous months. The report also shows the percentage of purchases at public stockyards and direct purchases from producers, the classification of animals purchased, and records of monthly slaughter under Federal inspection.

WEIGHT, YIELD, AND COST OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

Class of Livestock	Unit	June 1942	May 1943	June 1943
<u>Average live weight of animals</u>				
Cattle	Pounds	959.67	986.62	972.13
Steers 1/	"	1,010.30	1,012.76	1,017.27
Calves	"	203.30	165.26	176.50
Hogs	"	251.46	256.38	260.42
Sheep and lambs	"	83.93	92.05	88.50
<u>Average yield</u>				
Cattle	Percent	55.93	56.39	56.72
Calves	"	56.49	56.87	57.24
Hogs	"	75.44	74.07	76.00
Sheep and lambs	"	47.59	46.99	46.97
<u>Average cost per 100 pounds</u>				
Cattle	Dollars	11.40	13.74	13.56
Steers 1/	"	12.56	14.80	14.82
Calves	"	12.42	14.25	14.14
Hogs	"	14.05	14.30	13.61
Sheep and lambs	"	12.59	13.80	12.53

NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
June 1943 and 1942

Class of Livestock	Total slaughtered during June 1943	Total slaughtered during June 1942	Carcasses condemned during June 1943	Carcasses condemned during June 1942
Cattle	707,905	1,039,128	3,638	4,444
Calves	326,523	475,099	737	1,030
Hogs	5,649,942	4,553,937	12,321	10,955
Sheep	1,593,675	1,481,443	7,702	6,768

1/ Steers also included in "Cattle" data.
See next page for slaughter records

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SOURCES OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASES

Sources of supply	Unit	June 1942	May 1943	June 1943
<u>Cattle</u>				
Stockyards	Percent	75.59	79.72	74.49
Other	"	24.41	20.28	25.51
<u>Calves</u>				
Stockyards	"	59.69	59.42	55.52
Other	"	40.31	40.58	44.48
<u>Hogs</u>				
Stockyards	"	44.38	47.43	48.69
Other	"	55.62	52.57	51.31
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Stockyards	"	61.83	62.51	60.62
Other	"	38.17	37.49	39.38

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

<u>Cattle</u>				
Steers	Percent	57.32	59.25	56.37
Cows and heifers	"	37.95	37.58	38.59
Bulls and stags	"	4.73	3.17	5.04
<u>Hogs</u>				
Sows	"	53.07	47.89	50.89
Barrows	"	46.14	51.21	48.24
Boars and stags	"	0.79	0.90	0.87
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Sheep	"	10.46	8.44	15.17
Lambs and yearlings	"	89.54	91.56	84.83

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